

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT: Matthias Meyn

SERIAL NO. 10/501,529

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FOR: METHOD FOR THE PYTROMETALLURGICAL  
TREATMENT OF METALS, METAL MELTS  
AND/OR SLAGS AND INJECTION DEVICE

EXAMINER: Kathleen A. McNelis Group: 1742

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**ELECTION**

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated May 24, 2007 and setting forth one-month period for response. The Examiner requested that election be made between the following inventions:

- I. Group I, claims 25-38, drawn to a method of pyrometallurgical treatment of metals...; and
- II. Claims 39-46, drawn to an injection device for pyrometallurgical treatment of metals...

Applicants elect Group I, Claims 39-46 for further prosecution on merits, reserving the right to file a divisional application directed to claims 25-38.

An early Action on merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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